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ACTIVITY

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SUMMARY: GOI CONSIDERING NEW NARCOTICS ORGANIZATION TO
COMBINE TREATMENT ACTIVITIES, INTERNATIONAL LIAISON, AND
EVENTUALLY PERHAPS ENFORCEMENT EFFORTS. IRAN CONSIDERING
FOUR OR FIVE MILLION DOLLAR CONTRIBUTION TO UNFDAC REGIONAL PROGRAM
IN AFGHANISTAN. BEHRUZ SHANANDEH WILL HEAD GOI DELEGATION
TO FEB. GENEVA MEETING OF UN COMMISSION ON NARCOTIC DRUGS
AND MISSION BELIEVES HE WOULD BE INTERESTED IN RAPPORTEUR'S
JOB. END SUMMARY.
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1. NARCOTICS CONTROL COORDINATOR STEMPEL AND SAIC GREENE
CALLED ON BEHRUZ SHANANDEH AT HIS REQUEST TO DISCUSS POSSIBLE
GOI CONTRIBUTIN TO UNFDAC AND OTHER MATTERS. SHANANDEH HAS
JUST BEEN NAMED GOI NARCOTICS COORDINATOR AND SAID IN CONFI-
DENCE (PROTECT ALL SHANANDEH STATEMENTS) GOI IS SLOWLY

MOVING TO CONCLUSION THAT NEW NARCOTICS CONTROL ORGANIZATION NECESSARY WHICH WOULD ENCOMPASS STANDARD ADDICT TREATMENT ACTIVITIES, INTERNATIONAL LIAISON, AND EVENTUALLY (BUT NOT SOON) ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITIES. CAUTIONING THAT PLANNING STILL IN BEGINNING STAGES, SHANANDEH SAID ESTABLISHMENT OF ORGANIZATION SOME MONTHS AWAY AT EARLIEST AND INTIMATED HE IS LIKELY CANDIDATE TO HEAD IT.

2. SHANANDEH SAID GOI BEGINNING TO REALIZE SCOPE OF ADDICTION PROBLEM. GOI IS CONSIDERING SWITCHING PRODUCTION IN IRAN FROM SMOKING TO EATING OPIUM. THIS WOULD LEAD TO 80 PERCENT REDUCTION OF OPIUM ACREAGE UNDER CULTIVATION AND SEVERELY REDUCE SLIPPAGE IN PRESENT GOI LICENSED CULTIVATION PROGRAM. DEA SOURCE WHO IS WORKING ON NEW LAW SAYS THIS MOVE WOULD ALSO TIGHTEN CONTROL EFFORTS CONSIDERABLY.

3. TURNING TO UNFDAC, SHANANDEH SAID WELLMAN LETTER (REF A) HAD ARRIVED AND HAD BEEN WELL RECEIVED. HE CONTINUED IN CONFIDENCE THAT HE WAS CHARGED WITH PREPARING A REPORT FOR THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS (CABINET) WHICH WOULD RECOMMEND IRAN OFFER FOUR OR FIVE MILLION DOLLARS AGAINST PROJECTS ON UNFDAC LIST. THIS IS CURRENTLY ONLY A WORKING PROPOSAL, BUT PRIME MINISTER HAD BEEN SERIOUS ABOUT AN IRANIAN CONTRIBUTION WHEN HE TALKED TO DAVIES, AND "SOMETHING" WILL BE OFFERED. SHANANDEH REITERATED IRAN'S RELUCTANCE TO GET INVOLVED IN ENFORCEMENT, BUT SAID WITHOUT GOING INTO DETAIL THAT UNFDAC LIST OFFERS GOOD POSSIBILITIES IN AREAS ACCEPTABLE TO GOI. EMBOFFS REACTED POSITIVELY AND ENCOURAGED SHANANDEH TO PROCEED, EXPLAINING IN PROCESS POSITIVE EFFECT IRANIAN CONTRIBUTION WOULD HAVE ON CONSIDERATION OF U.S. CONFIDENTIAL

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UNFDAC CONTRIBUTION BY U.S. CONGRESS.

4. SHANANDEH SAID IRAN'S OFFER, IF APPROVED, WOULD BE PRESENTED AT FEBRUARY MEETING OF UN COMMISSION ON NARCOTIC DRUGS. CONTRIBUTION WOULD MOST LIKELY BE ESTABLISHED ON "DRAWDOWN" BASIS--MONEY WOULD BE HELD BY GOI AND PAID OUT AS PROJECTS GOT UNDERWAY. (COMMENT: ABOVE PROBABLY REFLECTS GOI'S EXPERIENCE WITH AFGHANISTAN ON BILATERAL LOANS, WHERE AFGHANIS, IN IRANIAN EYES, HAVE BEEN SLOW TO DRAW COMMITTED FUNDS.)

5. SHANANDEH CONFIRMED HE WOULD BE HEADING GOI DEL TO FEB MEETING. HE MENTIONED TWICE DURING MEETING THAT IRAN SHOULD BECOME MORE INVOLVED IN INTERNATIONAL ACTIVITIES SUCH AS UNFDAC IN RECOGNITION OF COUNTRY'S INCREASING PROBLEM WITH NARCOTICS, AND EMBOFFS HAD IMPRESSION HE WOULD BE INTERESTED IN BEING CANDIDATE FOR RAPPORTEUR POSITION (REF B).

6. SEPTTEL (REF C) REQUESTED NIDA ORGANIZATIONAL CHART BE

SENT TEHRAN. IF DEPARTMENT OR DEA HAVE OTHER MATERIALS AT
HAND THAT WOULD ASSIST SHANANDEH IN HIS NEW ORGANIZATIONAL
TASKS, WE WOULD BE HAPPY TO PASS THEM ON.
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